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TAGS: PINS PINT SL

SUBJECT: EXECUTION OF COUP PLOTTERS

REF: FREETOWN 1651

1. MESSENGER FROM MINEXTAFF HAND DELIVERED TO AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AT 1445 LOCAL (ALSO GMT) JULY 19 COPY OF CIRCULAR NOTE TO CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ENCLOSING A PRESS AND BROADCAST NOTICE ANNOUNCING THAT EIGHT CONVICTED DEFENDENTS IN TREASON TRIAL AND COURT MARTIAL (SIX CIVILIANS AND TWO MILITARY) HAD BEEN EXECUTED THIS MORNING. NOTICE REVIEWED HISTORY OF CASE EXTENSIVELY AND STATED THAT SENTENCE OF ALL REMAINING

DEFENDENTS HAD BEEN COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT. NOTICE DID NOT IDENTIFY THE EIGHT EXECUTED BY NAME, BUT IT VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THEY INCLUDED FORNA, TAQI, EX-BRIGADIER LANSANA, EX-LIEUTENANT HABIB LANSANA KARARA, AND WARRANT OFFICER KALOGOH.

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2. ACT OF EXECUTION HAS NOT YET BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED OVER RADIO

OR IN PRESS, BUT FACT UNDOUBTEDLY WIDELY SUSPECTED AMONG PUBLIC.
RUMORS OF IMPENDING EXECUTIONS HAVE CIRCULATED WIDELY IN
PAST SEVERAL DAYS, MOST WITH ACCURATE DATA AS TO DATE AND TIME,
AND UNUSUALLY EXTENSIVE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WERE CLEARLY VISIBLE DURING
MORNING IN VICINITY OF PADEMBA PRISON. ROADBLOCKS WERE
CLEARED BY 1100 AND FREETOWN APPEARS COMPLETELY NORMAL. THERE HAS
BEEN NO SIGN OF ANY DISTURBANCES WHATEVER TO PRESENT TIME.
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